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Interviews: 805 registered voters
Dates: September 30-October 2, 2006

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 805 interviews is $\pm 3.5\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. First, can you tell me if you are currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	100	CONTINUE	[138]
Not registered.....	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

2. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8-11/06+	7/06		High 9/01	Low 7/92+	
			All Adults	Reg. Voters+			
Headed in the right direction.....	29	31	27	29	72	14	[139]
Off on the wrong track.....	58	54	60	59	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	11	12	11	11	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	1	6	6	

6/06					
All Adults	Reg. Voters+	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05
27	28	24	26	31	30
61	60	67	62	57	59
10	10	7	9	10	8
2	2	2	3	2	3

11/05	10/05	9/05	7/05	5/05	4/05
26	28	32	34	35	34
63	59	57	52	52	51
8	10	8	12	10	12
3	3	3	2	3	3

2/05	1/05	12/04	10/04+	9/04+	8/04+
42	40	41	39	39	36

48	47	46	48	49	50
8	10	11	10	10	12
2	3	2	3	2	2

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Q.2 (cont'd)

	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	36	36	33	41	47	56	41
Off on the wrong track.....	48	48	50	49	43	30	48
Mixed (VOL).....	14	14	14	5	6	9	8
Not sure.....	2	2	3	5	4	5	3
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>
	43	38	42	49	62	36	43
	47	50	44	38	22	47	42
	6	8	9	8	13	14	13
	3	4	4	5	3	3	2
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>
	44	42	40	52	53	62	70
	42	43	42	31	28	20	15
	14	12	14	14	15	14	12
	-	3	4	3	4	4	3
	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>			
	72	43	45	48			
	11	39	36	32			
	11	14	15	18			
	6	4	4	2			

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3a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? +

18-24.....	4	[140-141]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	8	
40-44.....	8	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	12	
55-59.....	9	
60-64.....	8	
65-69.....	8	
70-74.....	6	
75 and over.....	6	
Refused.....	1	

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3b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? +

Yes, Hispanic.....	8	[142]
No, not Hispanic.....	92	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

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3c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else? +

White.....	79	[143]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Hispanic (VOL).....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

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4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8-11/06+	7/06		High	Low	[144]
			All Adults	Reg. Voters+	11/01	4/06	
Approve.....	39	42	39	40	88	36	
Disapprove.....	56	53	56	55	7	57	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	

6/06							
All Adults	Reg. Voters+	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05	11/05	
37	38	36	37	39	39	38	
58	57	57	58	54	55	57	
5	5	7	5	7	6	5	
10/05	9/05	7/05	5/05	4/05	2/05	1/05	
39	40	46	47	48	50	50	
54	55	49	47	46	45	44	
7	5	5	6	6	5	6	
12/04	10/04+	9/04+	8/04+	7/04+	6/04+	5/04+	
49	49	47	47	48	45	47	
44	47	48	48	46	49	46	
7	4	5	5	6	6	7	
3/04	1/04	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	9/03	7/03	
50	54	58	52	51	49	56	
46	41	34	41	44	45	38	
5	6	9	7	5	6	6	
5/03+	4/03	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03	3/17/03	2/03 ¹	1/03	
62	71	66	67	62	61	54	
31	23	29	28	33	31	40	
7	6	5	5	5	8	6	
10/02+	9/02	7/02	6/02	5/02	4/02	4/01	
63	64	67	69	75	74	57	
31	30	27	23	18	20	22	
6	6	6	8	7	6	21	

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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5. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8-11/06+	7/06		High	Low	[145]
			All Adults	Reg. Voters+	12/01	11/05	
Approve.....	41	43	41	43	63	34	
Disapprove.....	53	52	53	52	25	60	
Not sure.....	6	5	6	5	12	6	

6/06						
All Adults	Reg. Voters+	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05	
38	39	35	36	40	38	
56	56	60	58	53	54	
6	5	5	6	7	8	
<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	
34	40	39	43	41	46	
60	55	54	51	53	50	
6	5	7	6	6	4	
<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
47	44	45	45	43	45	
47	51	52	51	52	49	
6	5	3	4	5	6	
<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
41	45	49	48	50	43	
53	51	45	46	44	52	
6	4	6	6	5	6	
<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
45	47	49	44	47	48	
48	45	42	49	45	44	
7	8	9	7	8	8	
<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>
48	49	57	61	63	63	52
43	43	34	30	27	25	27
9	8	9	9	10	12	21

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6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[146]
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	22	18	10	14	35	1	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	23	19	9	13	36	-	
July 2006							
All adults.....	21	18	10	15	36	-	
Registered voters+.....	21	19	10	14	36	-	
June 2006							
All adults.....	18	21	9	15	37	-	
Registered voters+.....	18	22	7	16	37	-	
April 2006.....	19	20	9	15	37	-	
March 2006.....	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005.....	23	19	10	13	35	-	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
October 2005.....	21	20	11	17	31	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
July 2002.....	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[147]
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	9	29	26	17	17	2	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	11	23	24	21	19	2	
July 2006							
All adults.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
Registered voters+.....	7	23	26	24	18	2	
June 2006							
All adults.....	10	25	25	22	17	1	
Registered voters+.....	9	24	25	23	18	1	
April 2006.....	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006.....	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005.....	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
July 2002.....	10	29	25	21	13	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
High							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[148]
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	11	26	18	17	27	1	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	13	24	17	20	25	1	
July 2006							
All adults.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
Registered voters+.....	11	23	17	21	26	2	
June 2006							
All adults.....	10	24	18	21	26	1	
Registered voters+.....	10	25	17	21	26	1	
April 2006.....	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006.....	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
July 2002.....	18	25	22	17	14	4	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
High							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Laura Bush							[149]
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	35	21	28	7	5	4	
January 2006							
All adults.....	35	19	26	9	5	6	
Registered voters+.....	36	19	27	8	5	5	
December 2005.....	36	24	27	5	5	3	
May 2005.....	40	25	24	6	3	2	
February 2005.....	41	24	22	5	5	3	
December 2004.....	40	22	21	7	6	4	
August 2004+.....	38	19	24	8	6	5	
December 2001.....	49	27	16	2	2	4	
March 2001.....	28	24	33	3	2	10	
January 2001.....	16	18	34	4	5	23	
July 2000+.....	13	14	28	4	4	37	

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7. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections, and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are.

	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	
10, very interested.....	46	47	51	47	49	45	46	[150- 151]
9.....	9	8	9	8	7	7	7	
8.....	17	16	17	17	17	18	15	
7.....	12	10	10	9	10	11	12	
6.....	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	
5.....	6	8	6	8	7	7	7	
4.....	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	
3.....	2	1	-	2	-	2	1	
2.....	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
1, not interested at all.....	2	2	1	2	2	3	4	
Cannot rate.....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	

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8. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	39	39	38	38	39	37	38	[152]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	48	48	48	49	45	50	47	
Not sure.....	13	13	14	13	16	13	15	
		<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
		38	37	39	40	40	43	
		46	48	48	45	47	44	
		16	15	13	15	13	13	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
		42	42	41	42	42	42	
		46	44	44	45	43	42	
		12	14	15	13	15	16	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
		43	42	43	42	44	42	
		42	42	41	41	40	40	
		15	16	16	17	16	18	
		<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
		40	39	39	42	41	37	
		44	41	43	41	40	43	
		16	20	18	17	19	20	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>
		41	40	41	39	37	41	40
		43	39	40	40	41	37	42
		16	21	19	21	22	22	18
		<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>
		41	41	45	44	41	42	44
		37	39	39	38	38	41	38
		22	20	16	18	21	17	18

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9. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8-11/06+	7/06+	6/06+	3/06+	1/06+	12/05+	
Deserves to be reelected.....	38	41	38	42	41	41	41	[154]
Give new person a chance.....	45	43	48	45	48	46	44	
Not sure.....	17	16	14	13	11	13	15	
	11/05+	5/05+	10/04+	10/02+	9/02	10/00+	9/00+	
	37	42	49	42	41	50	49	
	51	45	34	39	42	35	38	
	12	13	17	19	17	15	13	
	6/00+	12/99	10/98+	12/97+	10/94+	9/94	5/94	
	49	42	48	41	39	30	34	
	39	47	37	45	49	53	50	
	12	11	15	14	12	17	16	
	1/94	10/93	9/93	7/93	10/92+	9/92+	7/92+	
	35	34	37	30	31	31	27	
	47	52	47	55	56	56	62	
	18	14	16	15	13	13	11	
	4/92+	2/92+	1/92+	12/91+	10/91+	10/90+	11/89+	
	33	37	42	35	40	39	41	
	57	52	48	52	48	48	36	
	10	11	10	13	12	13	23	

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10. Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8-11/06+	7/06+	6/06+	4/06+	
A vote to send signal of support for Bush.....	28	25	21	21	21	[155]
A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush....	39	37	38	38	31	
Not a signal either way about Bush.....	31	36	39	39	45	
Do not plan to vote (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	2	2	2	2	3	

	3/06+	11/05+	10/02+ ¹	Bill Clinton 10/98+ ²
	20	21	31	28
	37	39	19	23
	41	36	49	49
	-	1	-	NA
	2	3	1	-

¹ In October 2002, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?"

² In October 1998, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?"

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- 11a. Has what you have seen and heard over the past few weeks made you feel more favorable, less favorable, or had no effect on your feelings about possibly having the Democrats become the majority party in Congress? +

More favorable.....	34	[156]
Less favorable.....	23	
No effect.....	37	
Have not seen/heard enough to say (VOL)....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 11b. Has what you have seen and heard over the past few weeks made you feel more favorable, less favorable, or had no effect on your feelings about possibly having the Republicans maintain the majority in Congress? +

More favorable.....	18	[157]
Less favorable.....	41	
No effect.....	35	
Have not seen/heard enough to say (VOL)....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

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12. Of the following issues, please tell me which one or two are going to be most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress in November. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to pick just one or two, which would they be? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The war in Iraq.....	36	[158-159]
Job creation and economic growth.....	23	>
Terrorism.....	22	
Illegal immigration.....	20	
Health care.....	19	
Social Security and Medicare.....	16	
Moral values.....	15	
The cost of gas and energy ¹	11	
Other (VOL).....	1	
All equally (VOL).....	9	
None of these (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

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September 8-11, 2006+		
The war in Iraq.....	27	[158-159]
Job creation and economic growth.....	20	>
Terrorism.....	20	
Illegal immigration.....	22	
Health care.....	22	
Social Security and Medicare.....	14	
Moral values.....	13	
The cost of gas and energy ¹	23	
Other (VOL).....	1	
All equally (VOL).....	8	
None of these (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

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13. If the Democratic Party gains the majority in Congress, how much confidence do you have that it would pursue the right policies on terrorism to keep America safe—a great deal of confidence, quite a bit of confidence, just some confidence, or very little confidence? +

A great deal of confidence.....	16	[160]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	20	
Just some confidence.....	34	
Very little confidence.....	23	
No confidence (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

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14. If the Republican Party retains the majority in Congress, how much confidence do you have that it would pursue the right policies to protect Social Security and Medicare—a great deal of confidence, quite a bit of confidence, just some confidence, or very little confidence? +

A great deal of confidence.....	9	[161]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	16	
Just some confidence.....	28	
Very little confidence.....	35	
No confidence (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 15a. I'm going to read you several positions on issues that some **Democrats** running for Congress are taking. For each one please tell me whether, all other things being equal, you are more likely or less likely to vote for a Democratic candidate for Congress who takes that position, or whether it would make no difference to your vote either way. + *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR DEMOCRAT

	More Likely To Vote For <u>Democrat</u>	Less Likely To Vote For <u>Democrat</u>	No Difference <u>Either Way</u>	Not Sure	
Favors raising the minimum wage from five dollars and fifteen cents an hour to seven dollars and twenty-five cents an hour over the next couple of years.....	65	15	19	1	[162]
Favors a phased withdrawal of American troops from Iraq.....	57	27	13	3	[165]
Opposes making the federal tax cuts of the past few years permanent.....	39	36	22	3	[164]
Opposes changing Social Security to allow workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market.....	37	36	25	2	[163]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 15b. I'm going to read you several positions on issues that some **Republicans** running for Congress are taking. For each one please tell me whether, all other things being equal, you are more likely or less likely to vote for a Republican candidate for Congress who takes that position, or whether it would make no difference to your vote either way. + **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN

	More Likely To Vote For <u>Republican</u>	Less Likely To Vote For <u>Republican</u>	No Difference <u>Either Way</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Favors increasing border security by building a fence along the border with Mexico and implementing tighter controls on immigration.....	47	26	25	2	[166]
Favors making the federal tax cuts of the past few years permanent.....	41	30	26	3	[168]
Favors changing Social Security to allow workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market.....	34	39	25	2	[167]
Favors staying in Iraq to create a stable Iraqi democracy..	33	43	20	4	[169]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to the economy . . .

16. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	6/06		4/06		3/06	1/06	12/05	[170]
		All Adults	Reg. Voters+	All Adults	Reg. Voters+				
Economy will get better.....	22	16	17	17	17	24	24	26	
Economy will get worse.....	22	39	40	44	42	27	30	34	
Economy will stay about the same.....	51	43	41	36	38	46	42	37	
Not sure.....	5	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	
	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>
	16	28	43	43	43	42	44	50	53
	49	30	17	10	13	16	18	10	10
	32	36	36	33	33	34	35	37	33
	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	3	3
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>
	49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39	41
	15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18	20
	33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39	37
	3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4	2
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>
	50	50	36	28	17	19	19	21	20
	13	15	25	29	24	22	22	21	21
	32	32	34	37	54	53	57	52	54
	5	3	5	6	5	6	2	6	5
	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>
	24	31	31	28	28	27	29	44	21
	23	17	24	24	17	21	16	16	27
	50	46	40	44	52	49	52	36	50
	3	6	5	4	3	3	3	4	2
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>
	23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31
	24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24
	51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40
	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17. Just thinking about your own personal economic situation, do you feel that over the past twelve months things have gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	7/06		[171]
		All Adults	Reg. Voters+	
Things have gotten better.....	24	22	23	
Things have gotten worse.....	28	36	36	
Things have stayed about the same.....	48	41	41	
Not sure.....	-	1	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 18a. Has the recent decrease in gas prices made you feel more confident or less confident about the country's overall economic conditions, or has it had no effect on your view of the country's overall economic conditions? (IF "MORE CONFIDENT" OR "LESS CONFIDENT," ASK:) And has it made you much (more/less) confident or somewhat (more/less) confident? + *

Much more confident.....	11	[172]
Somewhat more confident.....	20	
Somewhat less confident.....	10	
Much less confident.....	7	
Has had no effect.....	50	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 18b. Has the recent increase in the stock market made you feel more confident or less confident about the country's overall economic conditions, or has it had no effect on your view of the country's overall economic conditions? (IF "MORE CONFIDENT" OR "LESS CONFIDENT," ASK:) And has it made you much (more/less) confident or somewhat (more/less) confident? + **

Much more confident.....	10	[173]
Somewhat more confident.....	15	
Somewhat less confident.....	6	
Much less confident.....	4	
Has had no effect.....	61	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. How much credit does President Bush deserve for the recent decrease in gas prices—a great deal of credit, quite a bit of credit, just some credit, or very little credit? +

A great deal of credit.....	7	[174]
Quite a bit of credit.....	5	
Just some credit.....	22	
Very little credit.....	41	
No credit (VOL).....	21	
Not sure.....	4	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

20. Do you think the war in Iraq is helping the United States in its ability to win the war on terrorism, hurting the United States in its ability to win the war on terrorism, or not making a difference either way in the war on terrorism?

	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8-11/06+	
Helping the U.S. in its ability to win the war on terrorism.....	32	33	[175]
Hurting the U.S. in its ability to win the war on terrorism.....	46	32	
Not making a difference either way.....	19	32	
Not sure.....	3	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. Do you think that America's safety from terrorism depends upon our success in the war in Iraq, or does it NOT depend upon our success in the war in Iraq? +

Depends upon our success in Iraq.....	37	[176]
Does NOT depend upon our success in Iraq.....	57	
Not sure.....	6	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

22. Do you think Iraq is in a civil war, or do you think Iraq is NOT in a civil war? +

Iraq is in a civil war.....	61	[177]
Iraq is not in a civil war.....	29	
Not sure.....	10	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23. This week, Congress approved a new law to deal with how terrorism suspects are treated. This law prevents the United States from using torture to get information from terrorist suspects, allows these suspects to be held indefinitely without being charged of a crime, and prevents them from challenging their imprisonment in U.S. courts.

Supporters say this is a good law because it protects suspects from being harmed and makes it more likely that U.S. troops will not be harmed if they are captured.

Opponents of the law say that it is NOT a good law because it denies suspects the constitutional protections that other criminals receive, and compromises some of our most strongly held democratic ideals and our image around the world.

In general, do you approve of this new law or do you disapprove of it? +

Approve.....	43	[178]
Disapprove.....	47	
Not sure.....	10	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else? +

Voted—George W. Bush.....	48	[179]
Voted—John Kerry.....	38	
Voted—someone else.....	4	
Voted—refused (VOL).....	2	
Was too young/not eligible to vote.....	1	
Did not vote.....	6	
Not sure.....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F2. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? +

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	24	[180-214]
White-collar worker.....	22	
Blue-collar worker.....	15	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	26	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	3	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school? +

Grade school.....	1	[215-216]
Some high school.....	3	
High school graduate.....	26	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	22	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	12	
Doctoral/law degree.....	4	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? +

Strong Democrat.....	19	[217]
Not very strong Democrat.....	7	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	17	
Strictly independent.....	15	
Independent/lean Republican.....	12	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? +

Liberal.....	22	[218]
Moderate.....	39	
Conservative.....	36	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- F6. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced? +

Single.....	15	[220]
Unmarried, living with partner.....	3	
Married.....	63	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	8	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- F7. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union? +

Labor union member.....	13	[221]
Labor union household.....	5	
Non-union household.....	80	
Not sure.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- F8. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[222]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	19	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	16	
Not sure/refused.....	14	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.